

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
APRIL 2, 2019**

**ITEM 4**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS TO CONTINUE AND ENHANCE THE GROUNDWATER AMBIENT MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT (GAMA) PROGRAM.

**DISCUSSION**

This item is for the Board to consider a resolution to authorize the State Water Board to enter into multi-year contracts to continue and enhance the GAMA Program (2020-2021 through 2023-2024 fiscal years). This item is not controversial.

**POLICY ISSUE**

No policy issues associated.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The GAMA Program is funded by waste discharge permit fees as authorized by the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2200. Expenditure authority for GAMA Program contracts included in the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget (under current [Resolution No. 2016-0038](#)) is expected to be \$4,300,000 upon passage of the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget. Annually thereafter for fiscal years 2020-2024, funding from WDPF is expected to be appropriated at approximately the same amount, not to exceed \$4,500,000 per year.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goals 2 and 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to *improve and protect groundwater quality in high-use basins by 2030 and improve transparency and accountability by ensuring that Water Board goals and actions are clear and accessible, by enhancing and improving accessibility of data and information*. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Actions to *advance the start of the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 and use online mapping technology to present Water Board data to Enhance Water Board water quality data systems, and accessibility of web-based water body and facility data and information*.